

Remarks

Summary of Interview

On January 13, 2009, the undersigned attorney and the inventor Douglas Ranalli met with Examiner Wendell and his Supervisor/Primary. Applicant's attorney briefly reviewed the prosecution history and Mr. Ranalli presented a two-page visual summary (copy enclosed) in which a compilation of the Qualcomm prior art (e.g. Maggenti and Crocket) was distinguished from the Ranalli invention as set forth in a proposed claim (copy enclosed). Applicant understood that an agreement was reached that the claim language: "where such unregistered end-user equipment is not registered for PTT service with any mobile operator's PTT system" distinguishes the referenced Qualcomm prior art. It was agreed that applicant would submit a Supplementary Amendment based on the proposed claim.

The proposed claim had previously been submitted by applicant via facsimile on December 16, 2008; when applicant was advised that the Examiner could not consider the proposed claim at that stage of the prosecution (after final), applicant filed an RCE to have the proposed claim considered and to meet with the Examiner and his Supervisor/Primary.

Amended Claims

Applicant has canceled all of the previously pending claims 1-22 and presents herewith new claims 23-43. Independent method claim 23 is the same as the proposed claim discussed at the January 13, 2009 interview. Support for the amended claim language is found in paragraph 4 (mobile operator), paragraph 9 (not registered with any mobile operator's system), paragraph 9 (public data network), and paragraph 9 (to initiate a PTT session with). Applicant submits dependent method claims 24-29 which correspond with prior method claims 2-7.

Applicant also submits a new independent apparatus claim 30 (to replace original claim 8); this new apparatus claim is believed to include the patentable subject matter of claim 23. New dependent apparatus claims 31-35 have been added, which correspond to original apparatus claims 9-13.

Applicant also submits a new independent apparatus claim 36 similar to original claim 14, but now including the patentable subject matter of claim 23. New dependent claims 37-43 correspond with original claims 15-21.

Thus, applicant respectfully asserts the present claims are all in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

RECONSIDERATION

It is believed that all claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference would expedite prosecution of the present application the Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Any amendments or cancellation or submissions with respect to the claims herein is made without prejudice and is not an admission that said canceled or amended or otherwise affected subject matter is not patentable. Applicant reserves the right to pursue canceled or amended subject matter in one or more continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part applications.

To the extent that Applicant has not addressed one or more assertions of the Examiner because the foregoing response is sufficient, this is not an admission by Applicant as to the accuracy of such assertions.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any fees in addition to fees submitted herewith that may be required to enter/allow this response and any accompanying papers to our deposit account 02-3038 and credit any overpayments thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPOSED CLAIM

A method comprising:

extending a mobile operator's push-to-talk (PTT) system to enable registered users on the PTT system to establish PTT sessions with unregistered end-user equipment, where such unregistered end-user equipment is not registered for PTT service with any mobile operator's PTT system but can be located on a public data network by querying a directory service database accessible on a public data network, the database containing a PTT address for the unregistered end-user equipment, the method including:

a wireless phone, having PTT functionality and registered with the mobile operator's PTT system, sending a request for a PTT session to the system's PTT server, the request including a unique identifier of the unregistered end-user equipment wherein the equipment comprises a destination network computer accessible on a public data network and having PTT functionality;

the PTT server receiving the request and sending a query to the directory service database for the PTT address of the unregistered end-user equipment;

the directory service database receiving and resolving the query, based on the unique identifier, to the PTT address of the unregistered end-user equipment; and

the PTT server receiving the PTT address and sending a request to initiate a PTT session with the destination network computer.

Support for amended language

- ¶4 mobile operator
- ¶9 not registered with any mobile operator's system
- ¶9 public data network
- ¶9 to initiate a PTT session with



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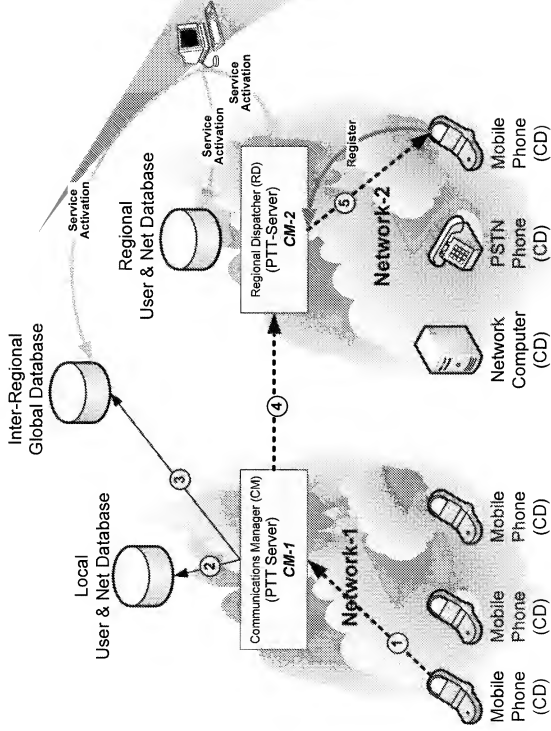
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Background

Maggenti and Crocket Art

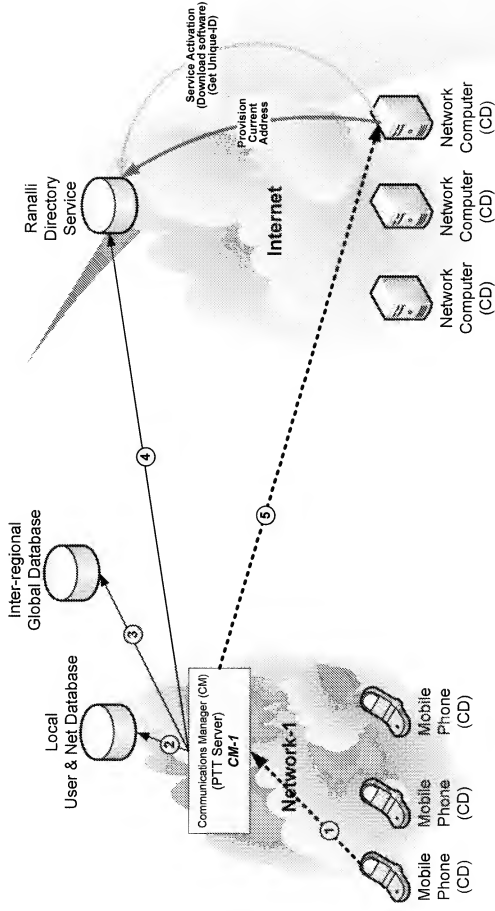




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